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EXDIS, FOR AMB YOUNG'S PARTY

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NAIROBI LISBON TEHRAN CAPE TOWN 16 MAY 77 QUOTE

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NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR LOW

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

LISBON FOR LAKE, S/P WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

TEHRAN FOR SECRETARY

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TAGS: RH, SF, US, UK, PFOR

SUBJECT: SMITH'S WARNING TO KAUNDA OF POSSIBLE
PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK

REF: STATE 110992

1. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR FRIEDMAN CONVEYED MESSAGES

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REFTEL TO FCO DUTY OFFICER MAY 15 AND MADE POINTS
DIRECTLY TO GRAHAM MAY 16.

2. RE OWEN-KAUNDA LETTER, GRAHAM REMARKED THAT ON RE-
FLECTION HE DID NOT BELIEVE BRITISH HAD HANDLED THE
ORIGINAL MESSAGE (TRANSMITTING SMITH'S WARNING) VERY
CLEVERLY. THEY HAD TREATED SITUATION TOO ROUTINELY

SINCE THEY SAW SMITH'S WARNING AS THE KIND OF THING HE
TENDS TO SAY WHEN HE IS COMING INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD, IN SUB-
SEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH FRIEDMAN, MENTIONED THAT
BRITISH SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING PASSED INFOR-
MATION TO USG WHEN SMITH'S MESSAGE FIRST CAME IN. HE
COMMENTED THAT WHILE THERE ALWAYS EXISTED THE DANGER OF
A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE, ASSESSMENTS TO DATE HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN THAT THE RHODESIAN POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT SUCCESS-
FULLY RESTRAINED THE MILITARY.

4. EMBASSY TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL TEXTS OF MAY 15
CALLAGHAN MESSAGES TO KAUNDA AND SMITH AND OWEN LETTER
TO BOTHA. AS OF NOON MAY 16 FCO HAD RECEIVED NO
REACTIONS.

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